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BIRD ARCHITECTURE.

Nest Building Dependent Upon Environment, Not Instinct.

The way in which a bird builds its nest, seemingly without instruction, thought or experience, has been repeatedly brought forward as a convincing proof of blind infallible instinct governing it in its task. No more popular proof has been brought forward by the supporters of the blind instinct theory than that of bird architecture. It is thought a wonderful thing for a bird to build a nest without any instruction or without ever seeing a nest typical of its species. That birds are capable of such marvellous powers has long ago been denied by Mr. Wallace, and we have not a particle of evidence that such is the case ("Nat. Selection," and Seebohm's "Brit. B." ii. 1st ed.). Indeed the evidence, such as we can glean, goes far to disprove the presence of any such instinctive power. Birds brought up in confinement have been found not to make a nest typical to their species, but generally content themselves with forming a rudimentary structure—heaping a lot of material together without any design, or even laying their eggs on the bare ground with no provision at all! In my opinion, however, the conditions of life are so changed when a bird is kept in confinement, that too much weight should not be attached to its actions in captivity, and the experiment has never, to my knowledge, fairly been tried with wild birds, or birds under normal conditions.

A remarkable instance, however, of a changed mode of nest building has just been brought to my notice by Mr. W. Burton, the well-known naturalist of Wadour Street. Some time ago his brother (now employed at the museum at Wellington, N. Z.), took out to New Zealand a number of young birds of our common native species, with the view of introducing them to the Antipodes. Among them were some young chaffinches (*Fringilla caelebs*). They were turned out and have thriven well in a wild state, bidding fair to permanently establish this charming little bird in our distant colonies. Some of the birds have built a nest; and to Mr. Burton I am indebted for a photograph of the wonderful structure they have woven. It is evidently built in the fork of a branch, and shows very little of that neatness of fabrication for which the bird is noted in England. The materials with which it is made seem very different too. The cup of the nest, small, loosely put together; apparently lined with feathers, and the walls of the structure are prolonged for about eighteen inches, and hang loosely down the side of the supporting branch. The whole structure bears some resemblance to the nests of the hang-nests (*Merula*), with the exception that the cavity containing the eggs is situated on the top. Clearly these New Zealand chaffinches were at a loss for a design when fabricating their nest. They had no standard to work by, no nests of their own to copy, no older birds to give them any instruction, and the result is the abnormal structure I have just described. Perhaps these chaffinches imitated in some degree the nest of some New Zealand species; or it may be that the few resemblances this extraordinary structure presents to the typical nest of the Palearctic chaffinch are the results of memory—the dim remembrance of the nest in which they had been reared, but which had almost been effaced by novel surroundings and changed conditions of life. Anyway we have here at last a most interesting and convincing proof that birds do not make their nests by blind instinct, but by imitating the nest in which they were reared, aided largely by rudimentary reason and by memory. I have not the least doubt that, had these young chaffinches been hatched in an alien nest in this country and never allowed to see a nest typical of their species, or have any connection with old and experienced birds, the results would have been still more startling and strange. Man has to learn the particular art of house-building practiced by his own peculiar race—birds have to do the same!—*Charles Dixon, in Nature.*

Honors to an Alleged Witch.

The descendants of Rebecca Nourse, who was hanged as a witch at Salem, Mass., on July 19, 1692, and buried at the old homestead at Danvers, have erected a monument to her memory over her grave. The inscriptions are as follows:

REBECCA NOURSE,
YARBOUR, ENGLAND,
1621,
SALEM, MASS.,
1692.

(Lines by John G. Whittier.)
O, Christian martyr, who for truth could die
When all about thee owned the hideous lie;
The world, redeemed from Superstition's sway,
Is breathing free for thy sake to-day.
(On the reverse.)
Accused of witchcraft, she declared: "I am innocent, and God will clear my innocence."
Once acquitted, yet falsely condemned, she suffered death July 19, 1692.

In loving memory of her Christian character, even then fully attested by forty of her neighbors, this monument is erected, July, 1885.—N. T. Ford.

—Horses have a natural dislike for camels in mass, and can scarcely be induced to charge upon a body of these desert animals, even when the latter are lying down and tied.

A SAD MISTAKE.

Some Heart-Felt Meditations by a Rueful Benedict.

I love her deeply and devotedly. Or is it devotedly and deeply?

What matters? We are all in all to one another. We live but for our love. The occupation by which I gain my bread becomes daily more distasteful to me. I madly plunge at my hat and coat the moment the hour of release arrives.

I can hardly be passively civil to my employer. Happily, though, as yet I have not struck him.

It is the same with my Matilda, so she tells me. She counts the long, tedious, weary hours that we perform must spend apart.

She says her work, too, is hateful to her. She says, though, that it is not only for herself that she has to work, but for her mother, an invalid, for whom the doctor has prescribed a warmer climate.

My Matilda is a postmistress, but her mother's board and lodging in the warmer climate are dreadful drags upon the poor girl. "Courage! courage!" I cry; "what is enough for one is enough for two." Stay—will it be enough for three also? I had not thought of this before.

My employer and I have exchanged words. Nay, blows also have passed between us and kicks. It matters not now who got them. I feel much hurt. I am without employment. The world is before me and the newspapers are full of advertisements, but there does not seem to be any special demand for my services. At present my only means of support are what Matilda can lend me after providing for her mother. It seems what is enough for one has now to do for three.

I can't see anything in the papers that will at all suit me. What I want, it appears to me, is more change of air than anything else. I mention this to Matilda and she weeps. I must say Matilda has not got the cheerfulness of temper.

At the nick of time I fell across some long-lost relatives. They have saved me. I am to have a long rest at their expense. I am to have change of air—a warmer climate. I am now at Nice basking in the sunshine. It is a delightful place; such enjoyment and such complete and blissful idleness. I have met a rich English widow—a most charming woman.

After all, it will be very absurd of Matilda if she takes it to heart. Matilda's salary is not large enough. And as for me I really, positively can not work. I feel I can not, and all efforts are useless. Wedded to the widow, why need I?

I'm an idiot! How could I have allowed myself to be taken in by what she said? I ought to have made sure. Why, the wretched old impostor lives but on the charity of her daughter, just as Matilda's mother.

Mere good goodness! What was Matilda's mother's name? Not Matilda's I know, for she took a second husband. Is it possible I have—Yes! I have married Matilda's mother.—*Philadelphia Times.*

Kansas' Proud Record.

If there are any people in the world who have a right to feel thankful, they are those who live in Kansas. During her twenty-five years of majority she has made a proud record among the states and all people now do her honor. Ten years ago men traveling east did not like to say they were from Kansas, where the grasshoppers had eaten the crops clean. That was the year when so many beggars went forth—when so many went away to stay with their relation. During the year of 1885 Kansas has gained one hundred thousand in population. She has produced two billion bushels of corn, ten bushels of wheat for every one of her million and quarter citizens. Her stock interests have wonderfully increased, and there has been progress in all right directions. No one is now ashamed to proclaim he is from Kansas. What makes this so grand a commonwealth? First, the coming together of the go-ahead people of every state and nation, and harmonious work in building up homes and society; next, a genial climate, rich soil, pure water (and plenty of it.) The more one reads of and sees the people in other lands, the more thankful will be felt that his lot was cast in Kansas. And the next generation will find her a long way ahead of her present position.—*Leavenworth Times.*

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